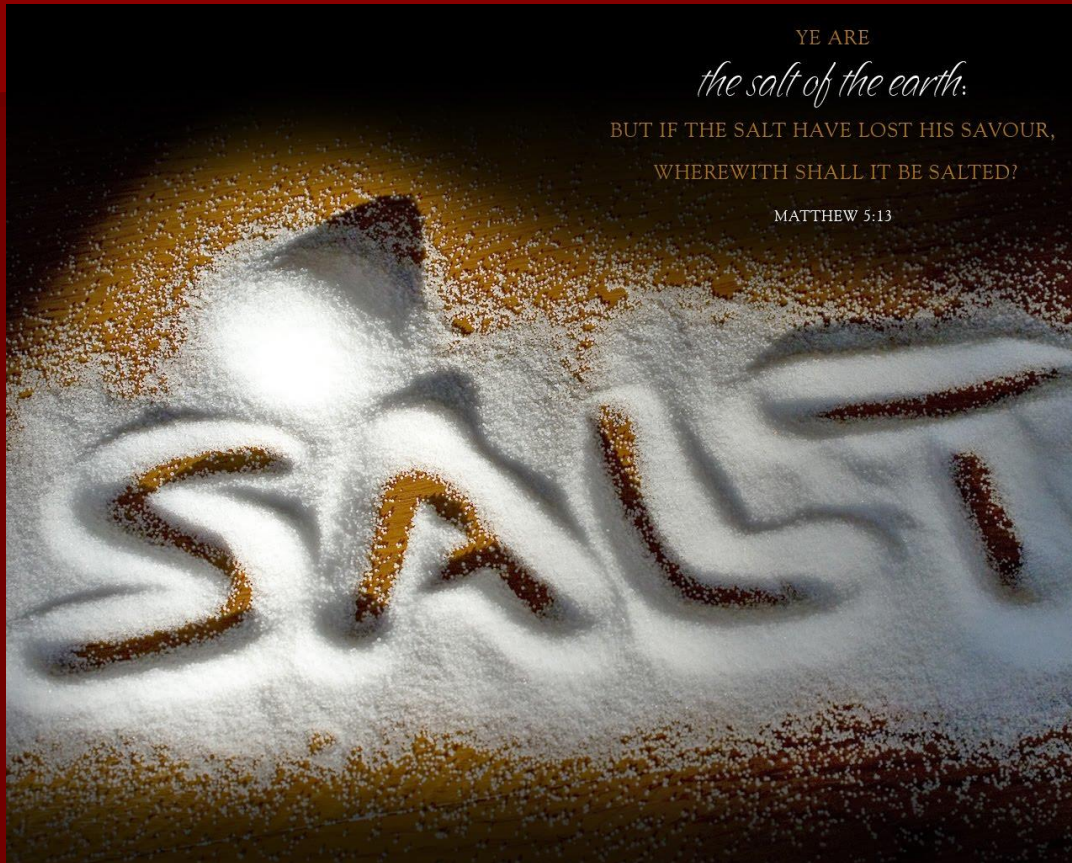


# Message



**Godly  
Relationships  
&  
Salt : Making  
A Difference**

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# ***Salt: Making A Difference***

## ■ **Matthew 5:13**

– **Salt used for flavoring and preserving**

- **Most salt used in Israel came from the Dead Sea and it was full of impurities. This caused it to lose some of its flavor.**

## ■ **Luke 14:34-35**

– **Useless salt is thrown out, due to a lack of value**

# ***Salt: Making A Difference***

## ■ **Mark 9:49-50**

- **Expect the fire of suffering and purification**
- **Distinctive mark of discipleship typified by salt is allegiance to Jesus and the gospel**



# ***Salt: Making A Difference***

- **If we want our life and relationships to count, learn lessons from salt...**
  - **Qualities Found In Salt**
  - **Characteristics That Reflect Those Qualities**



# ***Salt: Making A Difference***

## ■ **Qualities Found In Salt**

– **Seasoning for food**

**Job 6:6**

– **Used in Offerings**

**Leviticus 2:13**

**Ezekiel 43:24**

– **Preservative**

**Numbers 18:19**

**II Chronicles 13:5**

# ***Salt: Making A Difference***

## ■ **Salt and Peace**

– **Mark 9:50**

- **“...have peace with one another.”**

### A Symbol of Friendship

The value of salt in the middle ages was highly prized and became a symbol of friendship and trust. Phrases such as 'salt of the earth' reflect its importance and often it was used as an indication of status.

If you sat above the salt cellar, closer to the head of the table you were 'of rank'; below it you were of less importance and denied its use.



# ***Salt: Making A Difference***

- **Salt: Symbol of Wisdom & Knowledge**
  - **Colossians 4:5-6**
  
- **Salt: Healing Properties**
  - **II Kings 2:19-22**
    - **Salt symbolized the covenant faithfulness of God**

# ***Salt: Making A Difference***

## ■ **Application To Life:**

### **Do We Exhibit The Qualities of Salt?**

1. We **add a better flavor** to the life around us
2. We **preserve**; God's name, God's Character, God's Peace; Knowledge of God's Truths and Ways
3. We **Heal**; by bringing Godly Relationships to all we come in contact with each day.

**“Put in modern language a salty person is one who makes a positive contribution to society. It begins with concern and ends with commitment.”**